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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

December 6, 1957

TO: The Secretary

THROUGH: S/S

FROM: NEA - William M. Rountree

SUBJECT: United States - United Kingdom Approach to the Government of Libya on Economic Aid

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Discussion

You will recall that, on November 21, you sent a message to Selwyn Lloyd suggesting that, in view of Ambassador Tappin's opposition to a joint United States - United Kingdom approach to Libya regarding future economic aid levels, it would be advisable to make a coordinated rather than a joint approach. At the same time, you again urged the United Kingdom Government to continue its subsidy to Libya at its present level, if possible (Tab C). Mr. Lloyd's reply dated November 25 (Tab D) argues strongly for adhering to agreement on the joint approach. He did not reply definitively to your request that the United Kingdom Government would continue its subsidy at its present level, but the Embassy at London reports this matter is still under active review.

In view of Mr. Selwyn Lloyd's strong feelings with regard to a joint approach to the Libyans on the economic aid question and because we wish to cooperate as closely as possible with the British on this question, particularly at a time when we are urging the United Kingdom Government to maximize its subsidy to Libya, we believe we should adhere to our original plans for a joint approach to the Libyans.

Recommendation

That you approve the attached message to Selwyn Lloyd (Tab A) and the attached instructions to Ambassador Tappin (Tab B) to proceed as originally planned with a joint approach on the subject of United States - United Kingdom aid to Libya.

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Attachments

Tab A - Telegram (Verbatim Text) to Foreign Minister Lloyd
Tab B - Telegram, Instruction to Ambassador Tappin
Tab C - Department's Telegram to London 3738 (Verbatim Text)
Tab D - Foreign Minister Lloyd's reply to Secretary's message

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